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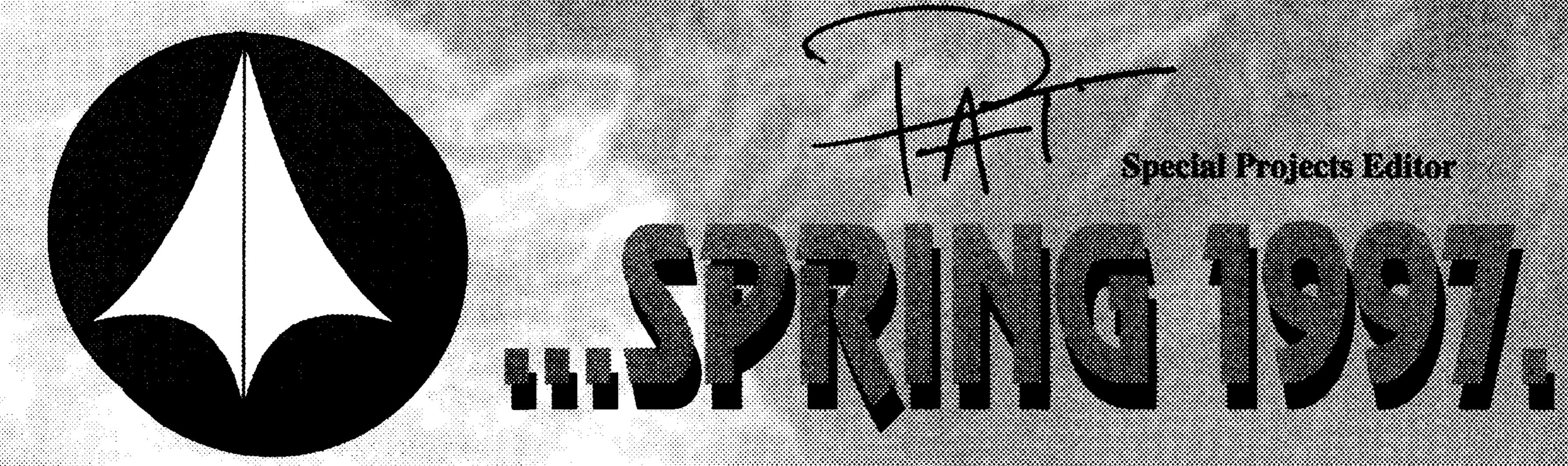
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just got back from the 1996 San Diego Comic Con and, as the first order of business, I'd like to thank the following people we met with for making this one of the most exciting conventions in memory: Tom Flinn and Wayne Markley (Capital City), Bill Schanes and Tom Herr (Diamond), John O'Donnell (CPM), Robb Horan (Sirius), Brian Haberlin (McFarlane Productions), Matthew Hawkins (Extreme Studios) and William Christiansen (Comics Cavalcade). Also, thanks to the countless other artists and publishers who visited our booth! Lots of news this month, so let's get to it!

For those of you not fortunate enough to be there, Antarctic Press announced a whole mess of exciting new comic projects in San Diego! Topping the list is Robotech! Slated for a March release, Robotech will be written by Fred Perry, drawn by Ben Dunn and edited by yours truly! Additionally, the series will be released in full color and will feature full-painted covers by legendary artist Joe Wight! The response so far has been phenomenal and I assure you, we're sparing no effort to make this the best Robotech comic to ever see print! Stay tuned for more details!

- Item Warrior Nun fans rejoice! A new 72 card set is being planned for this Spring! Tentatively featuring the talents of Adam Warren, Coleen Doran, Martin Wagner and many, many more! As far as the series is concerned (and the lawyers tell me I can't say too much right now) even as I type this, a deal is being hammered out with another major publisher for a one issue crossover which is going to blow you away! More news next month!
- Item Apologies go out to Derek Kirk for his missed coveries on the Stellar Losers Graphic Novel Will Work for Oxygen. Derek, of course, did the fantastic cover Rest assured, we've punished the responsible parties. Look for Derek's new book Cell, debuting in September! Our Editor in Chief, Herb Mallette, considers this one of the best books we've ever published! And if quality story and art won't draw you in, ask yourself if you've been steaming about not picking up Strangers in Paradise from us, when it was \$2.75 and not \$40.00! You've been warned!
- Item I'd like to take the time to welcome Jennifer Leal onboard the mighty Antarctic Press publishing juggernaut! Jennifer will be in charge of promotions, so if you don't hear about it before it comes out, blame her!

Well, looks like that's all the room I have for news this month. But, before I go don't forget to order you're Warrior Nun Action Figure (we previewed the prototypes at San Diego!) which will be heading your way in November! Bug your retailer to order them because once they're gone, we're not making any more! See you in 30!



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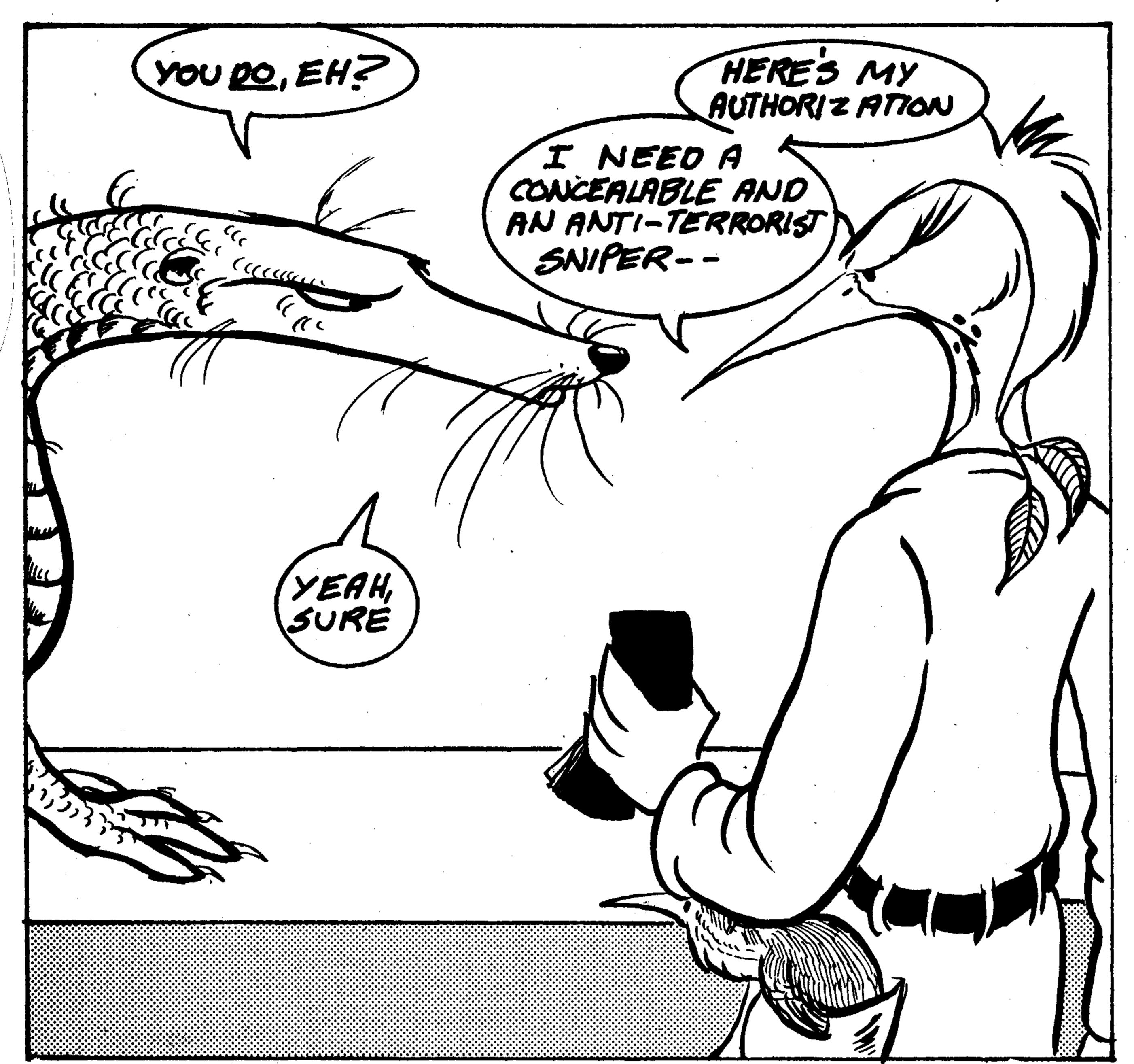
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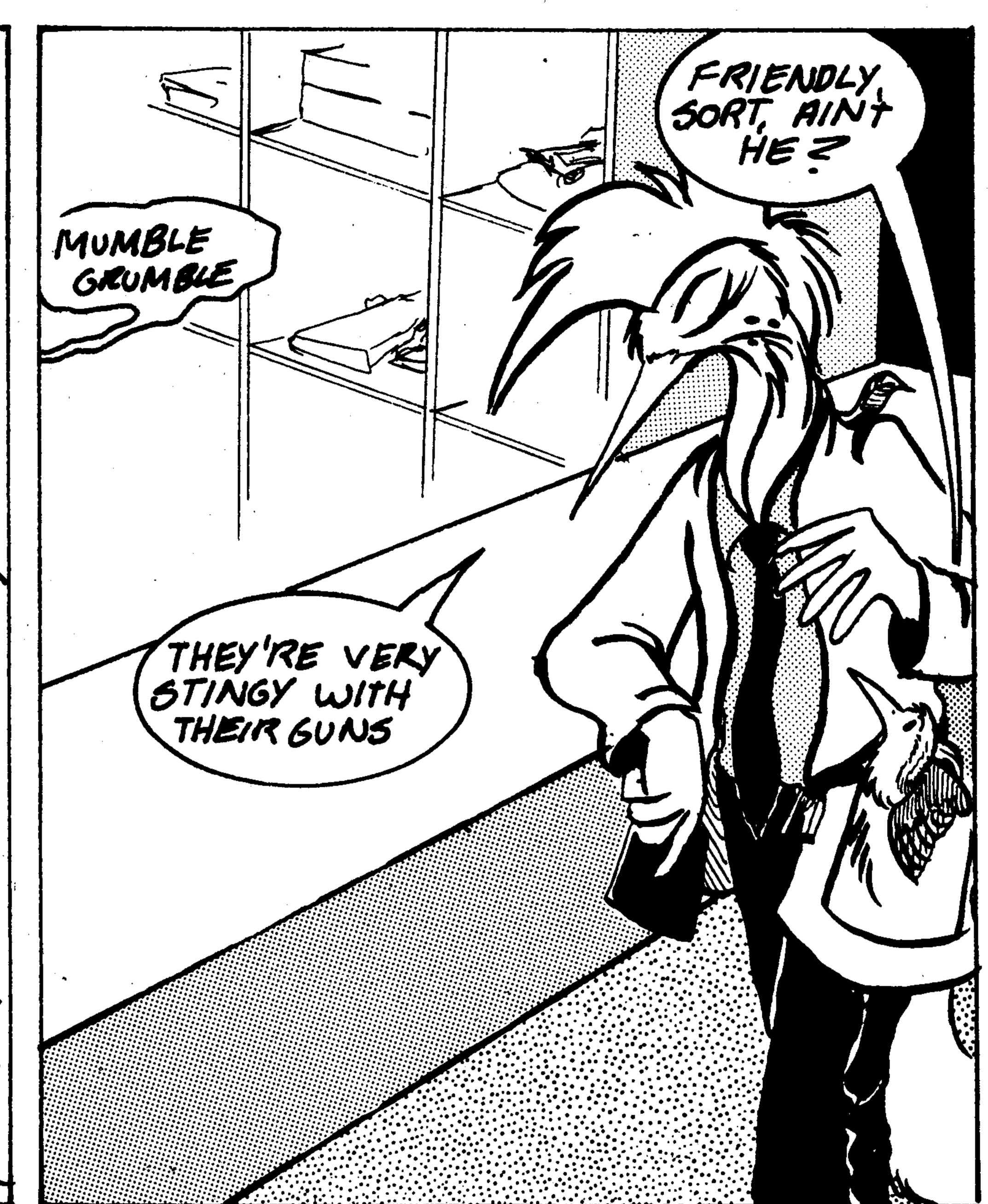
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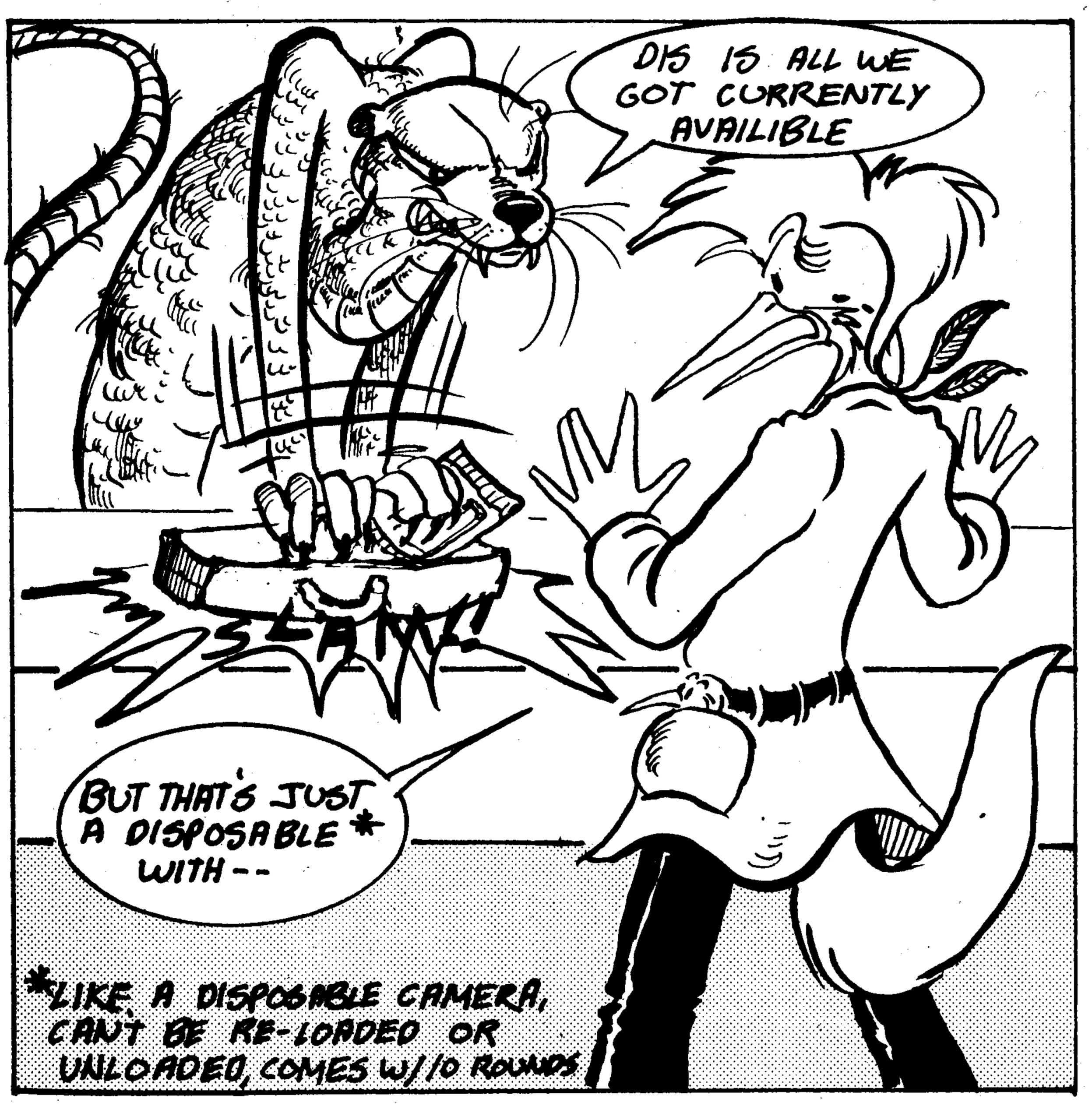
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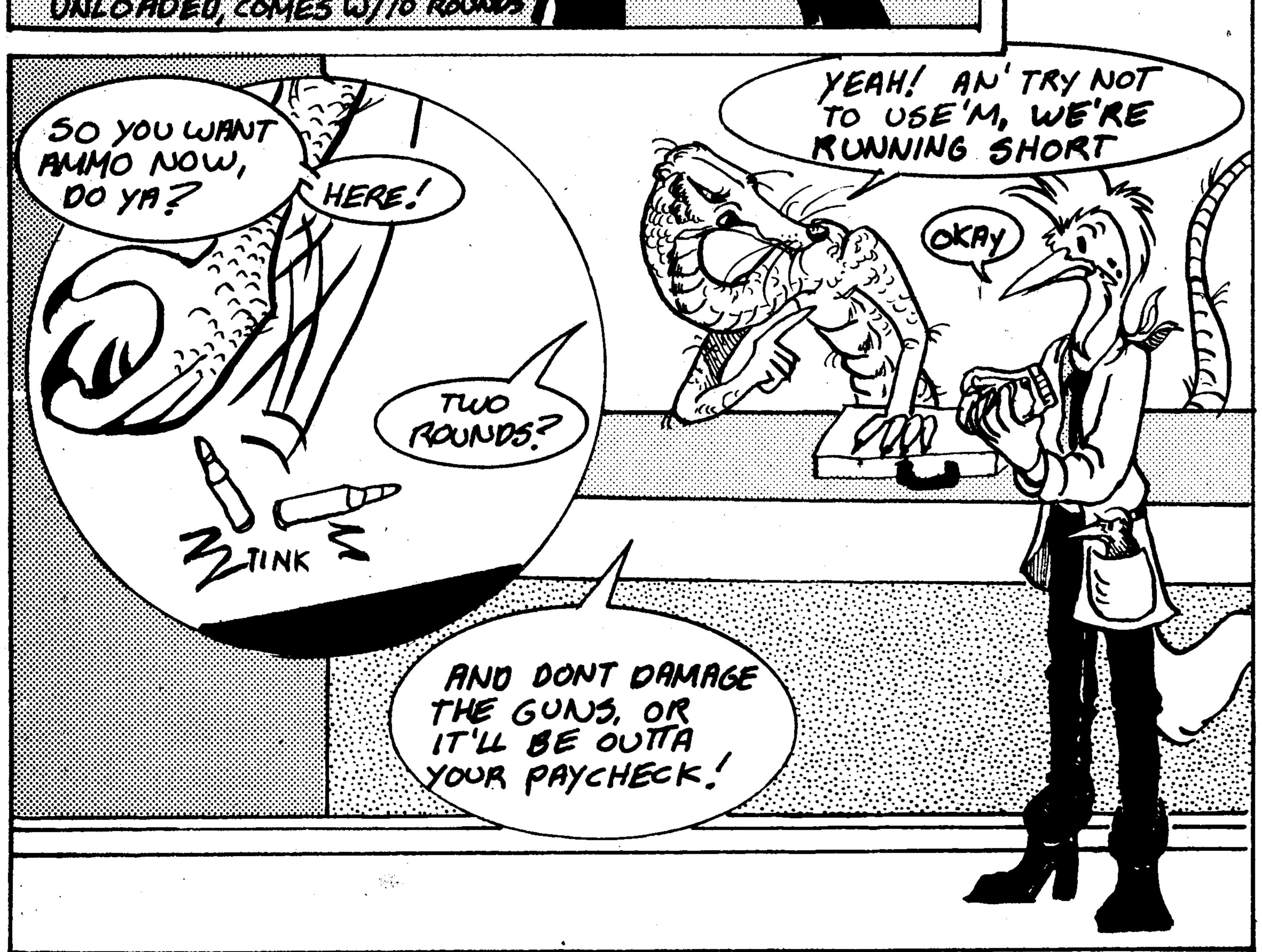




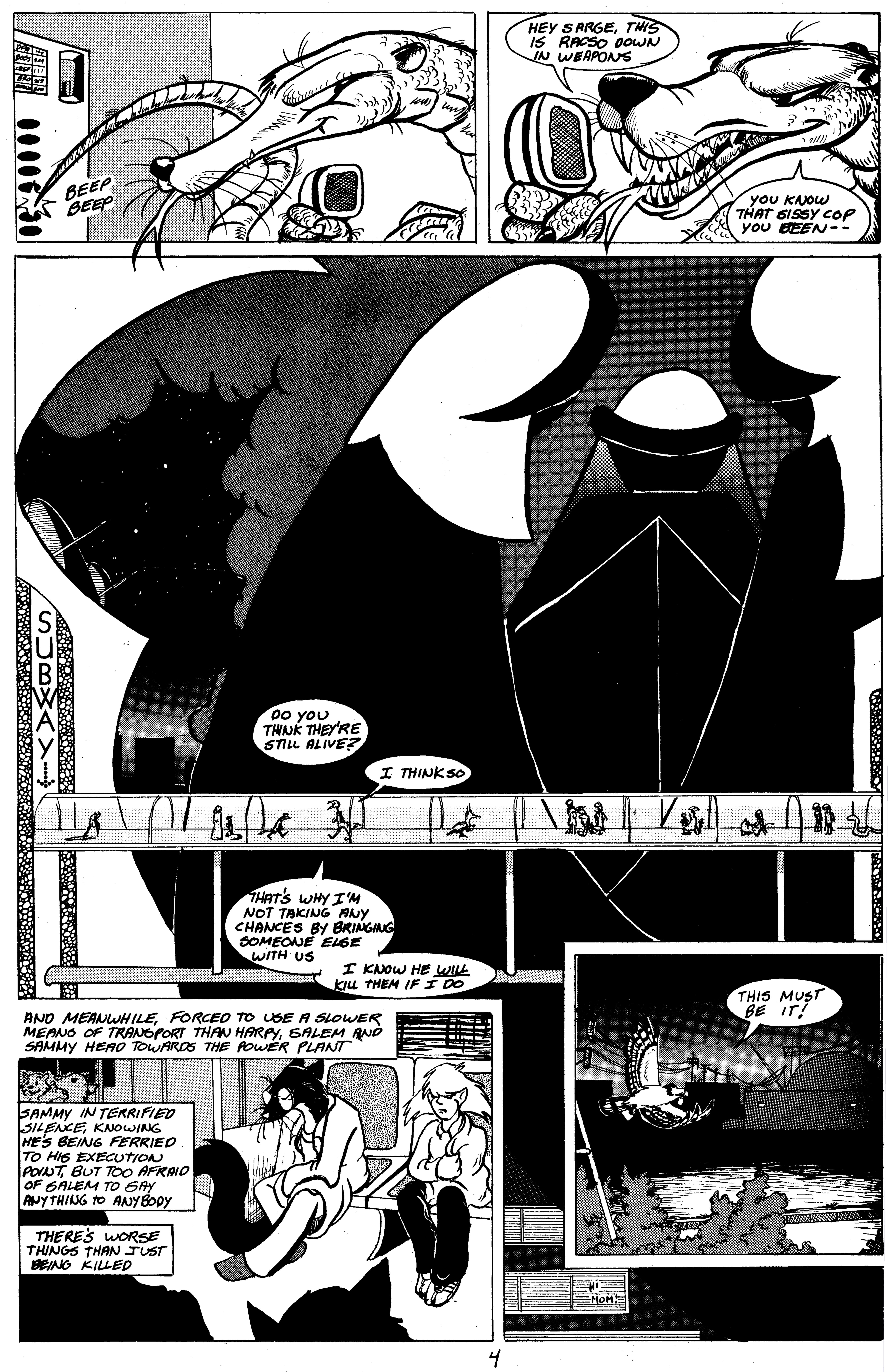












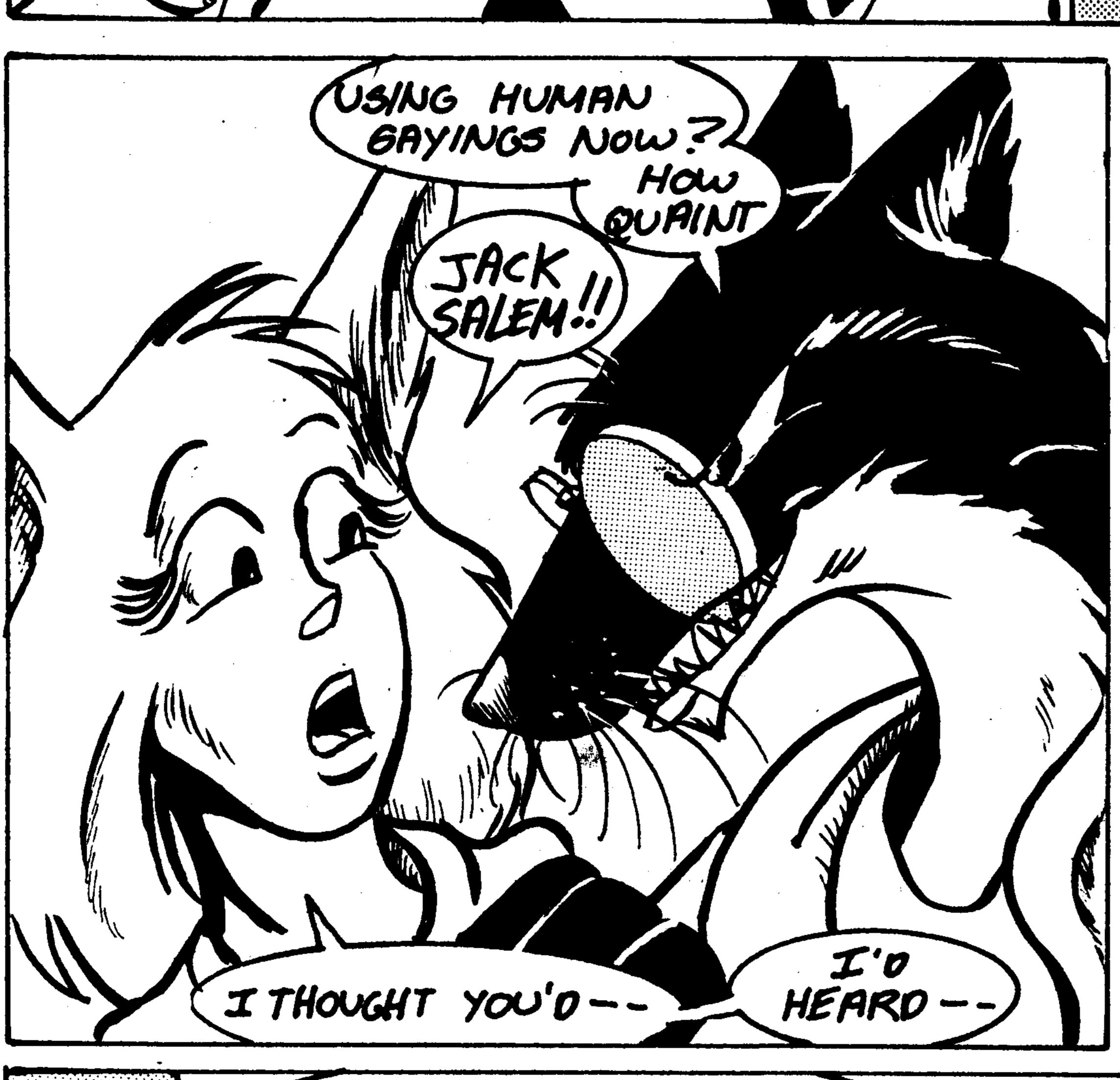














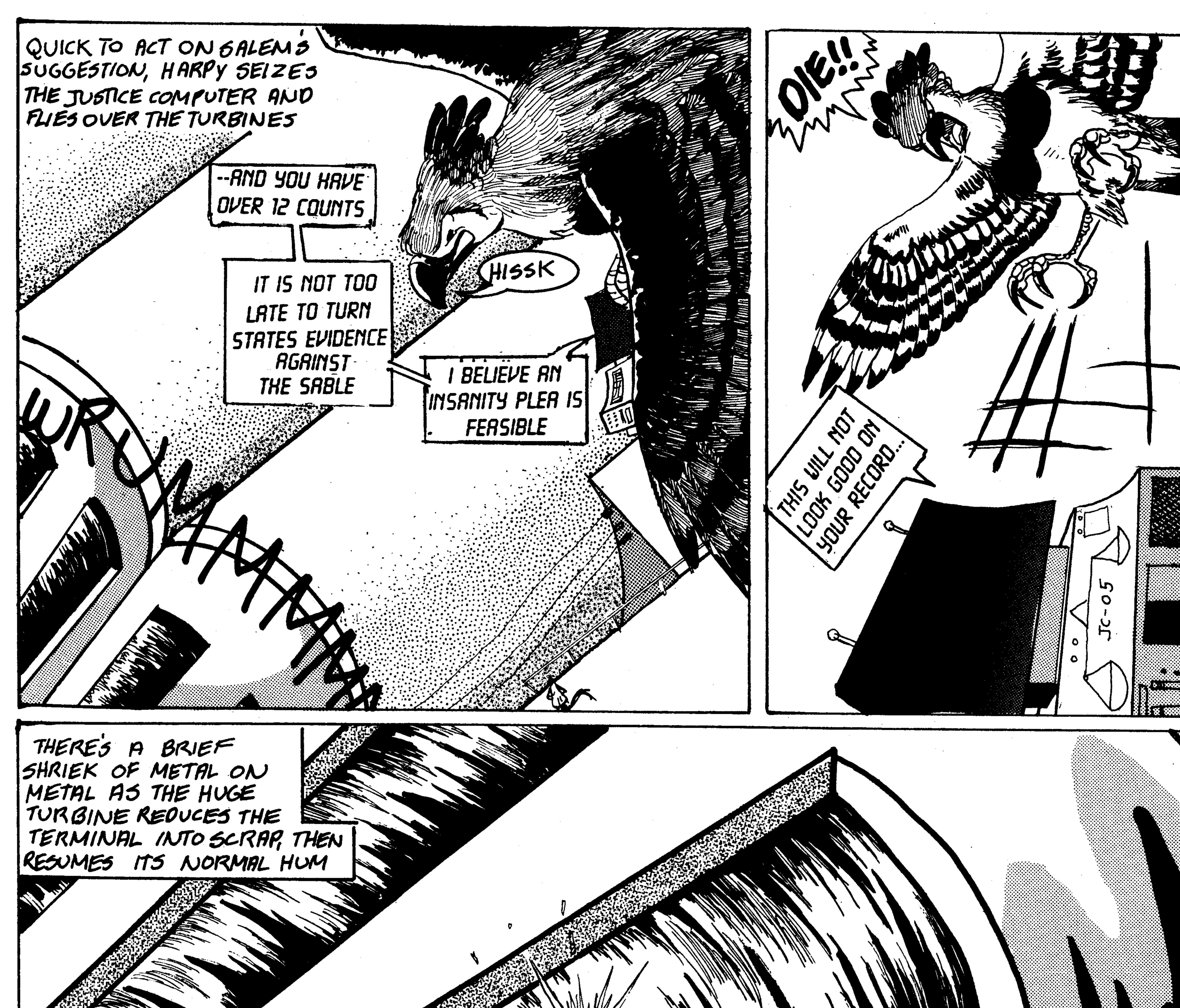


















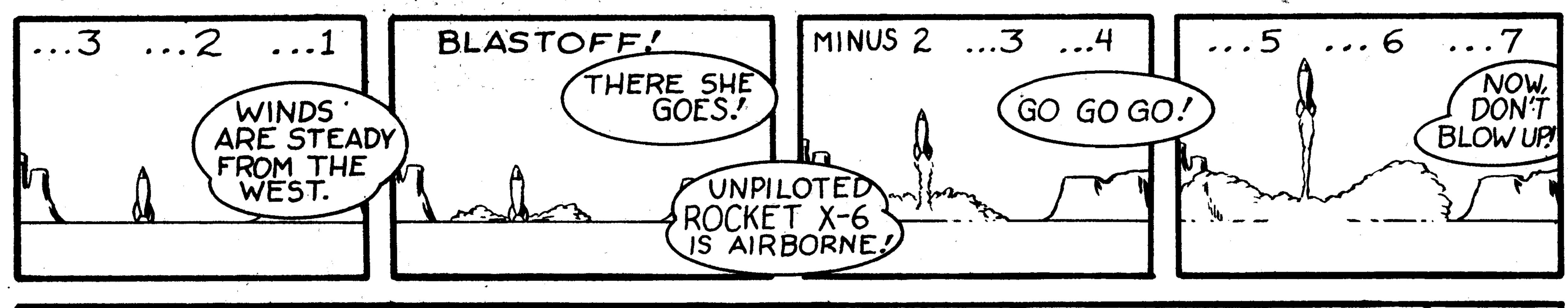




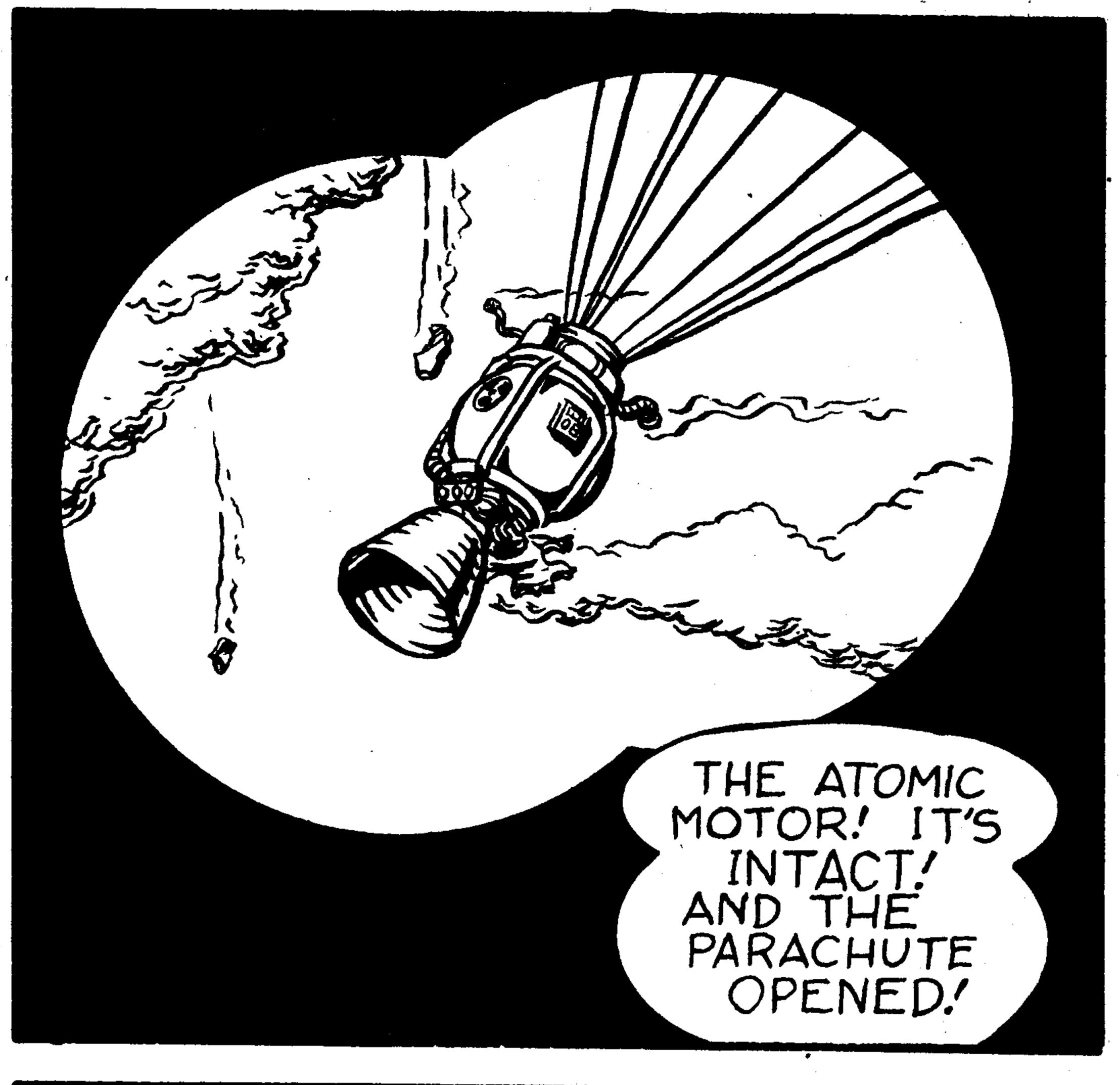
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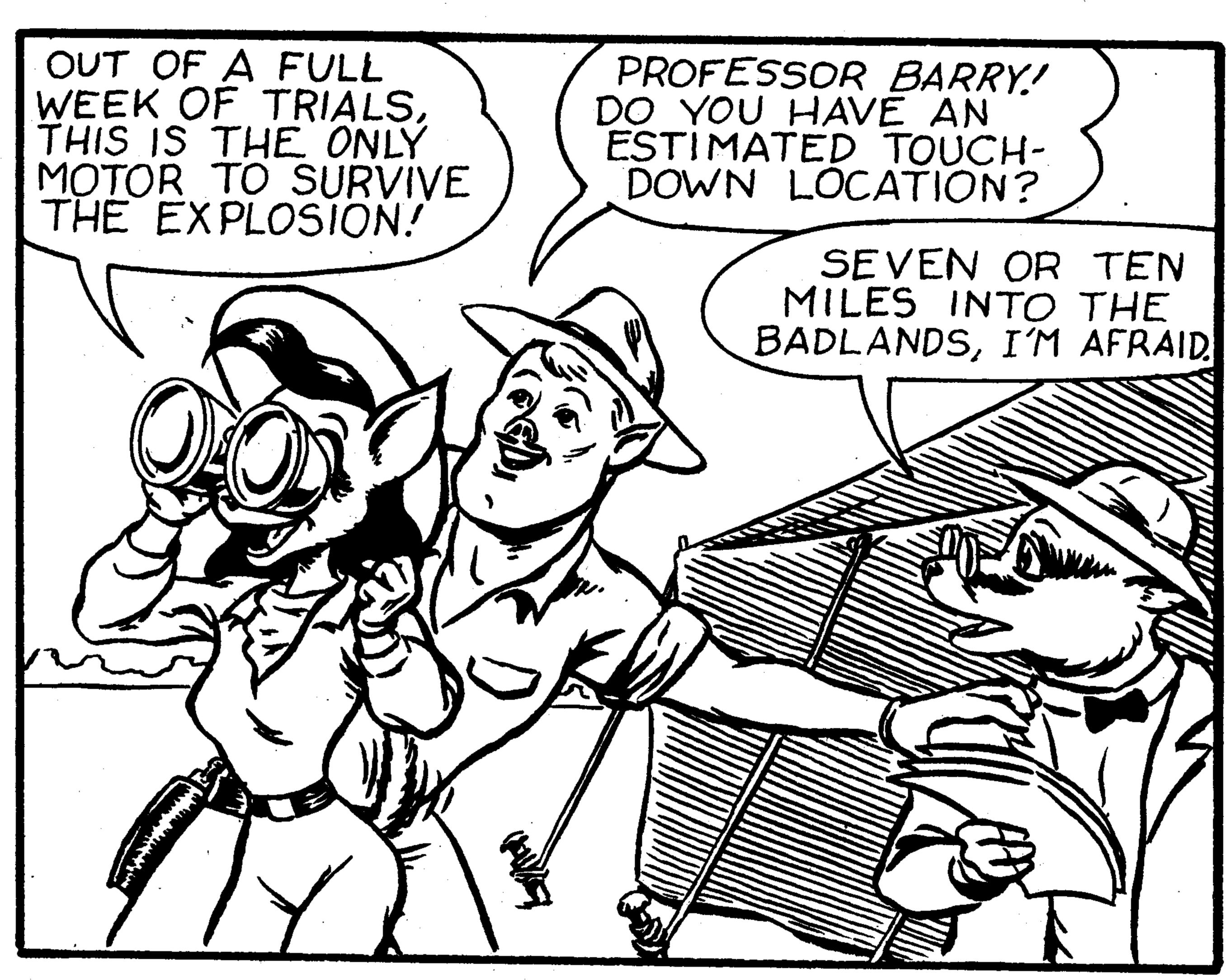
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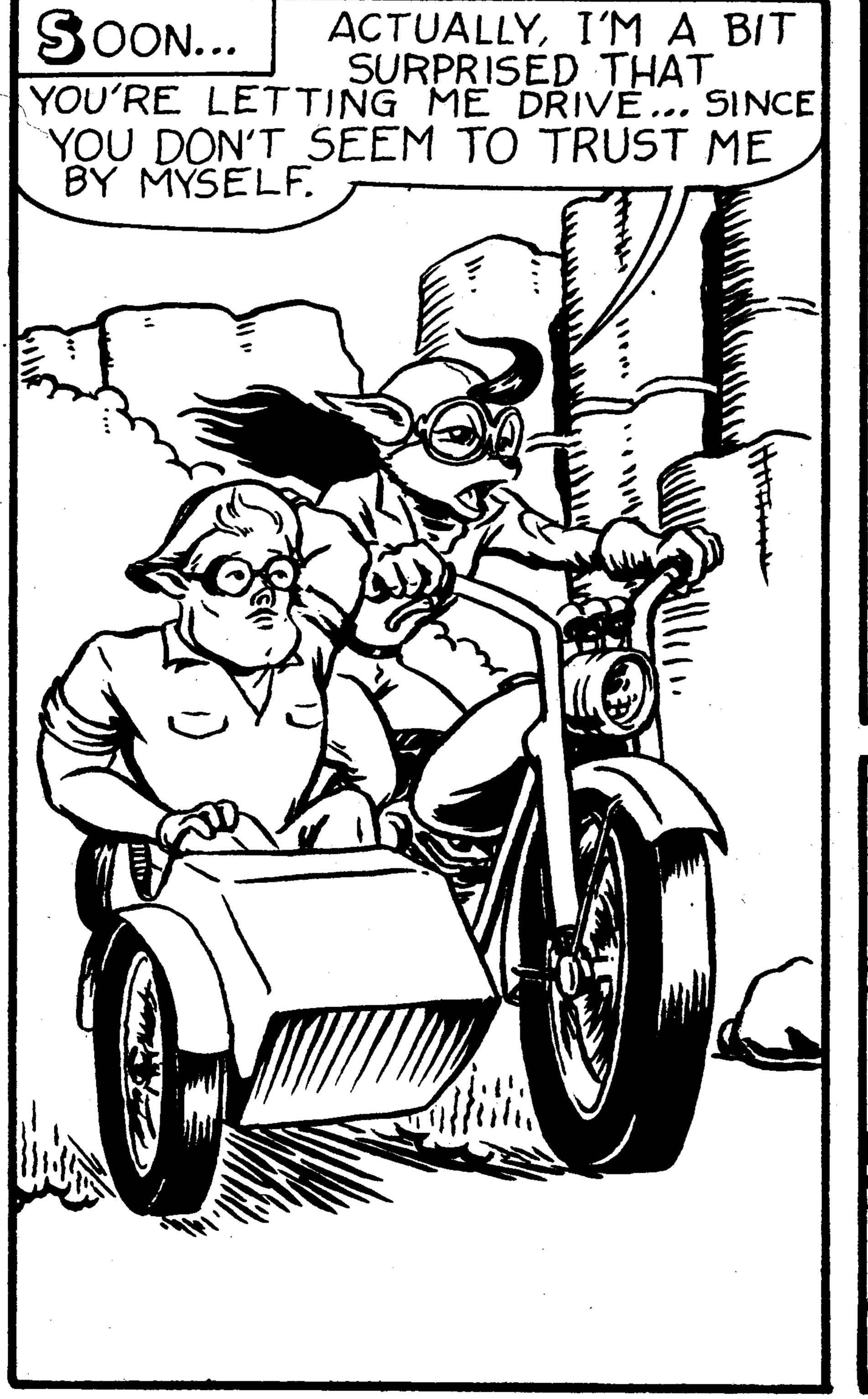


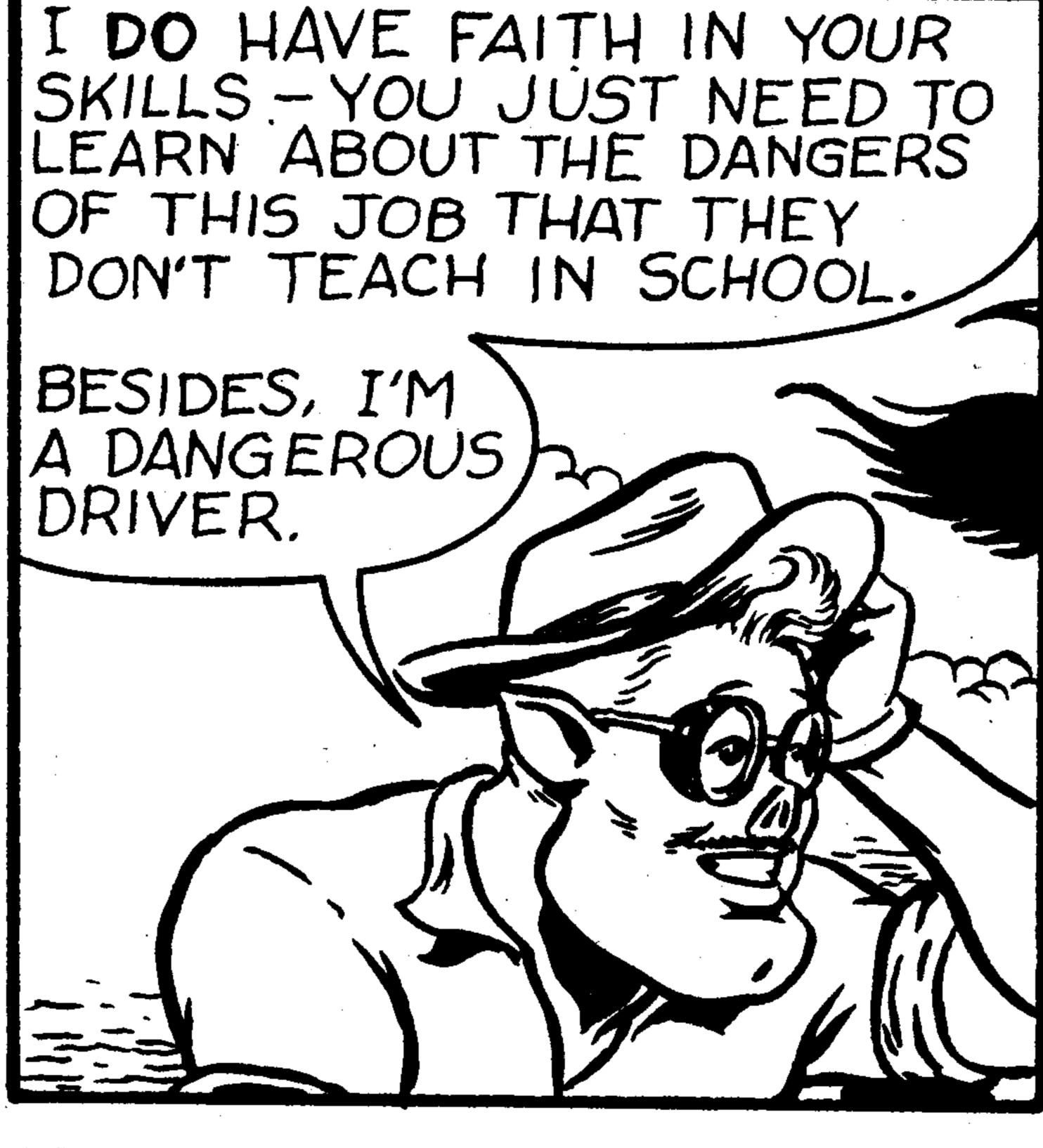




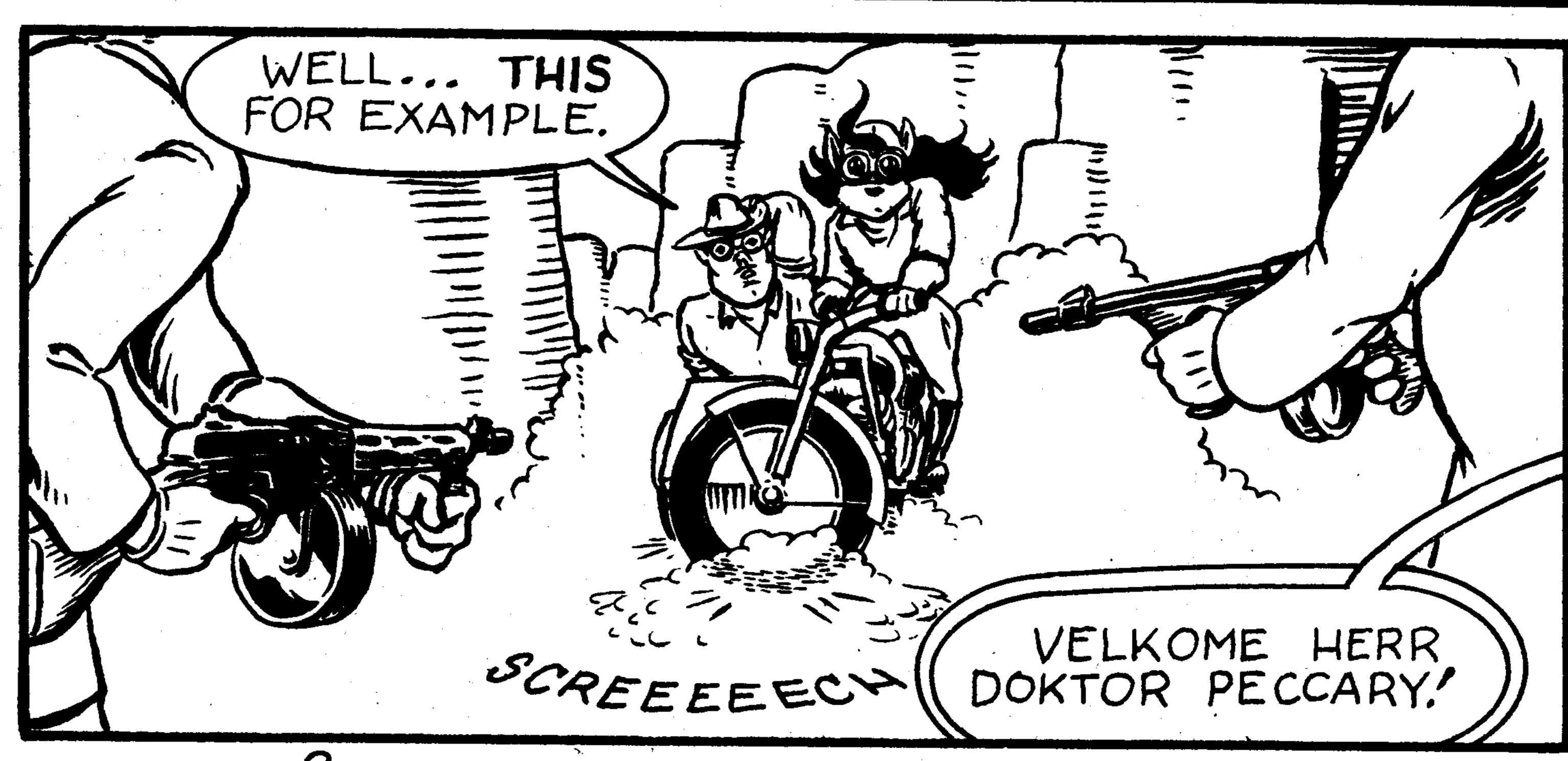




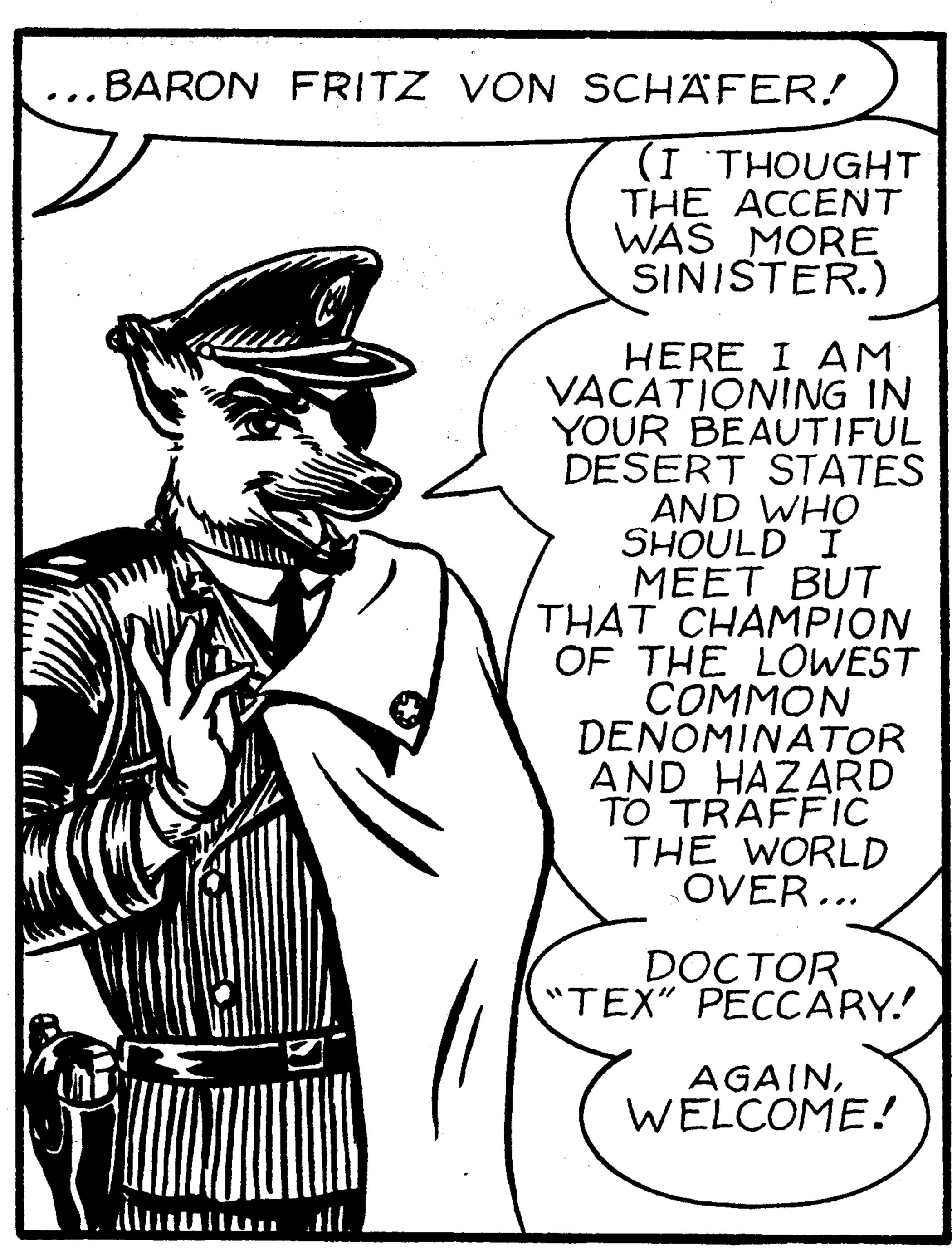








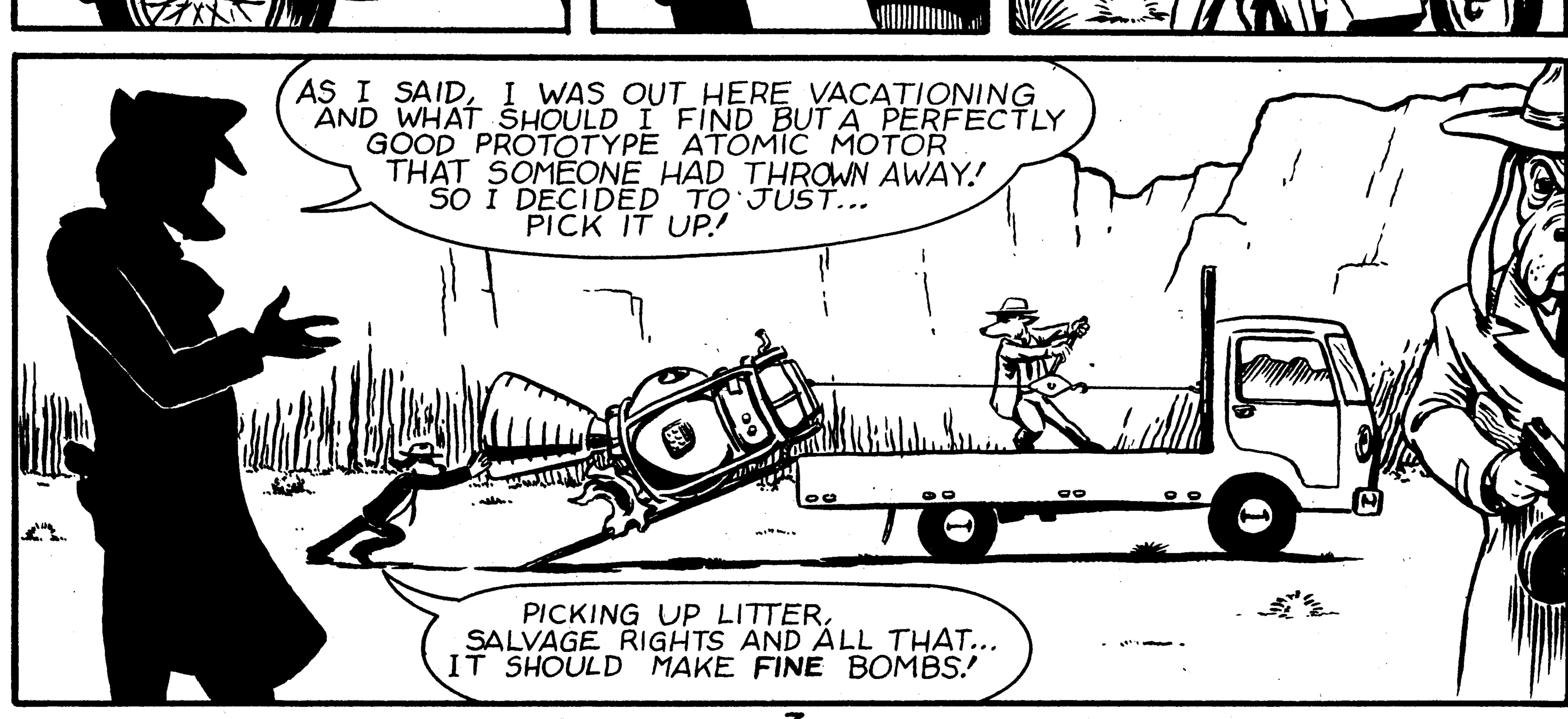


















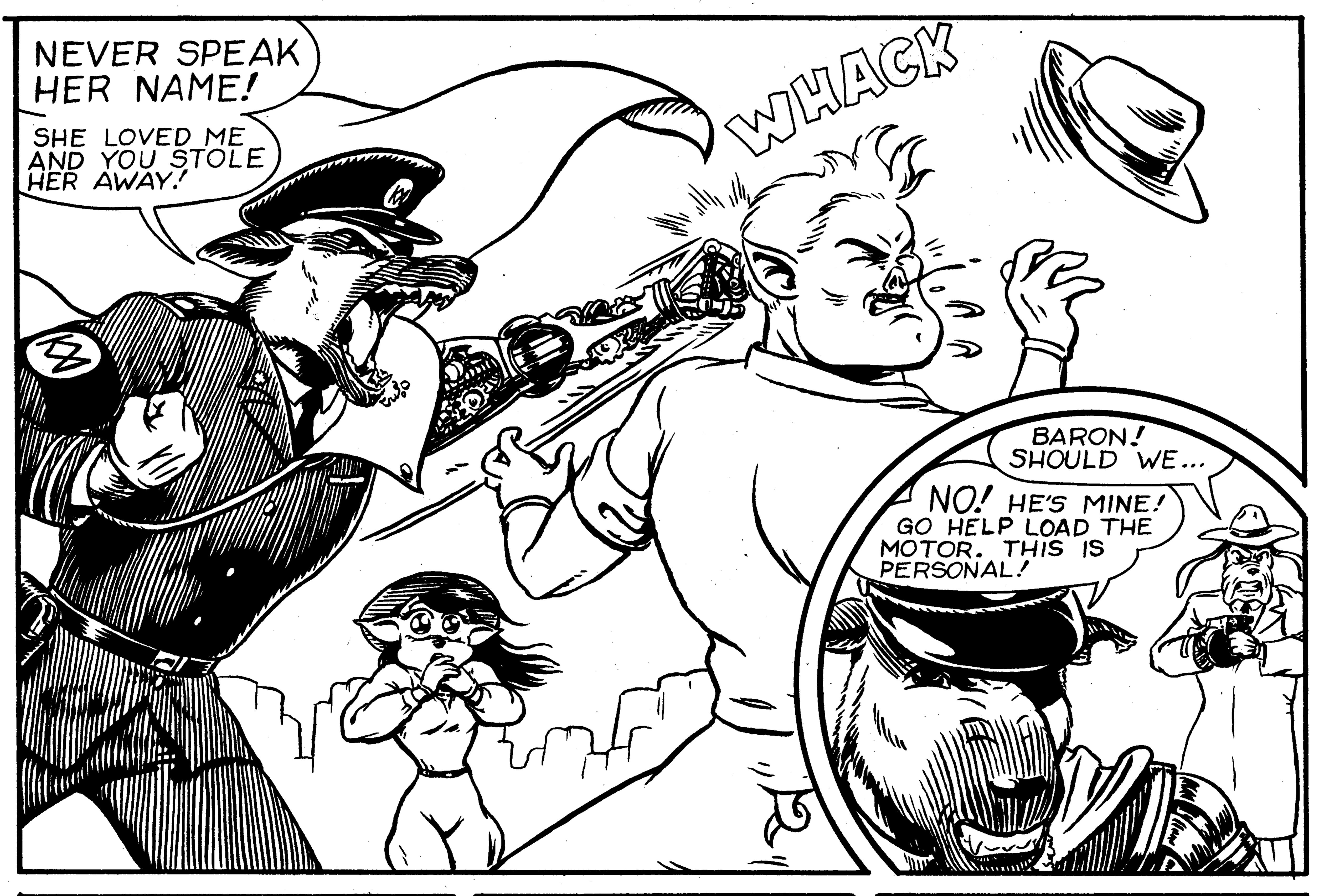




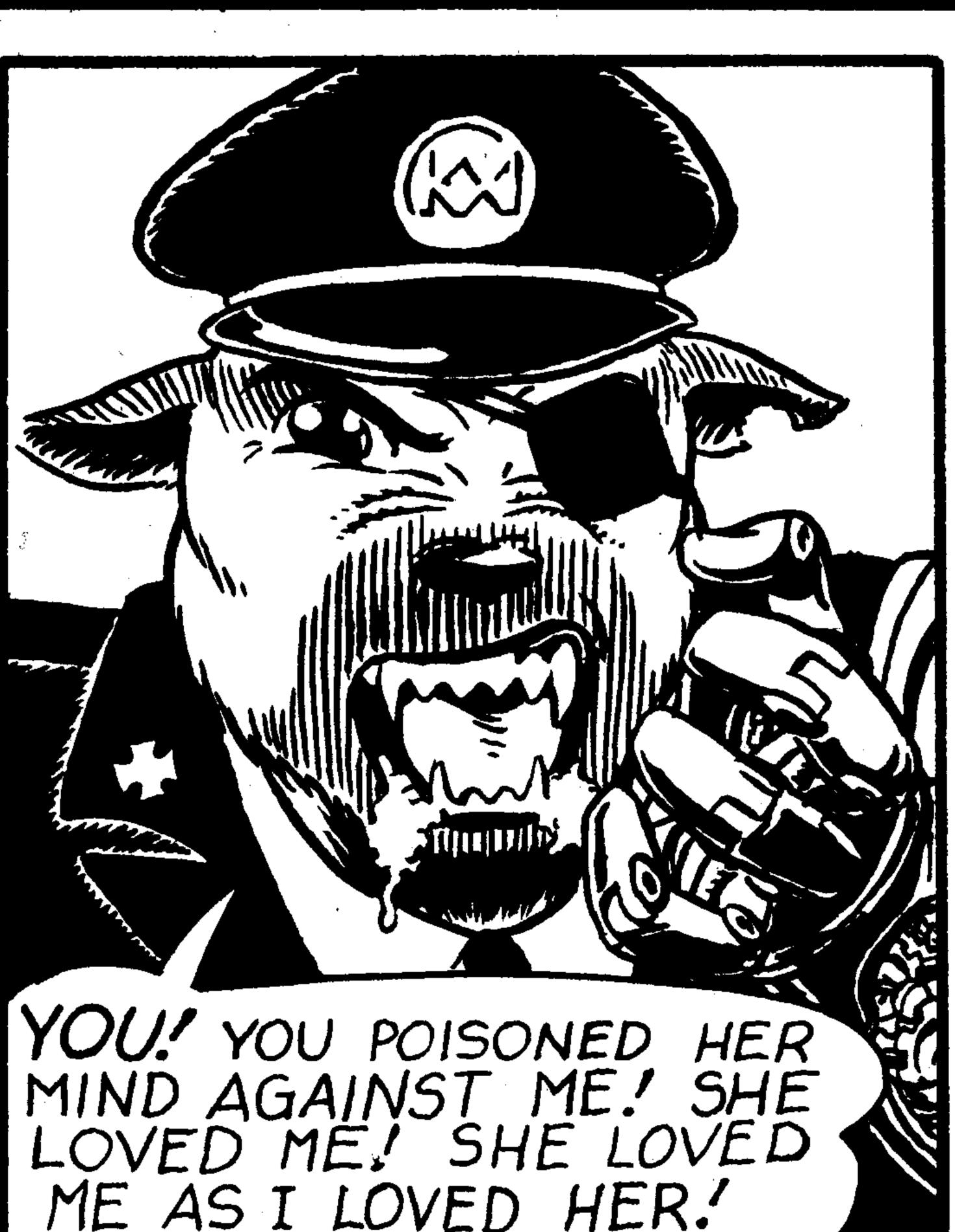
















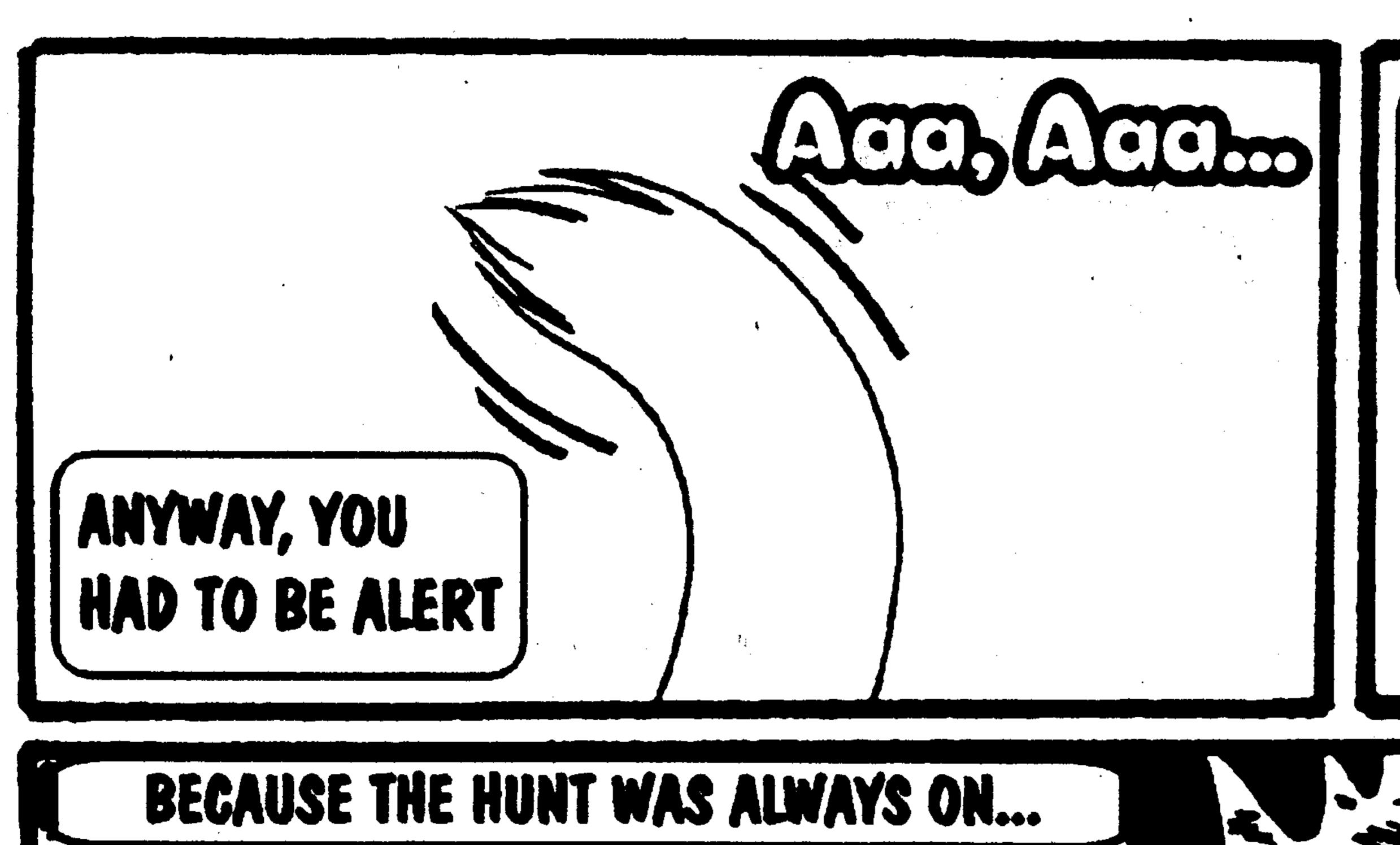


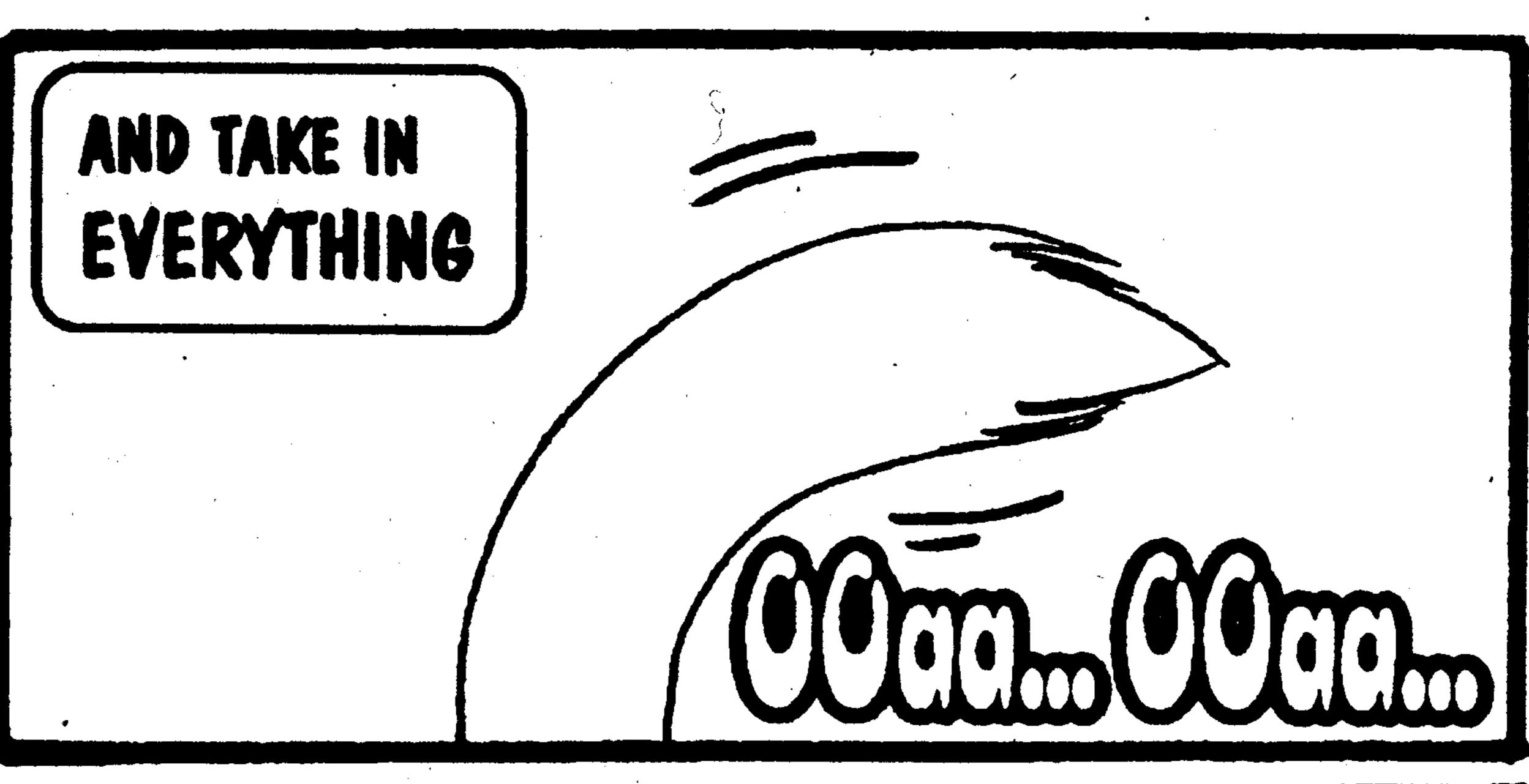
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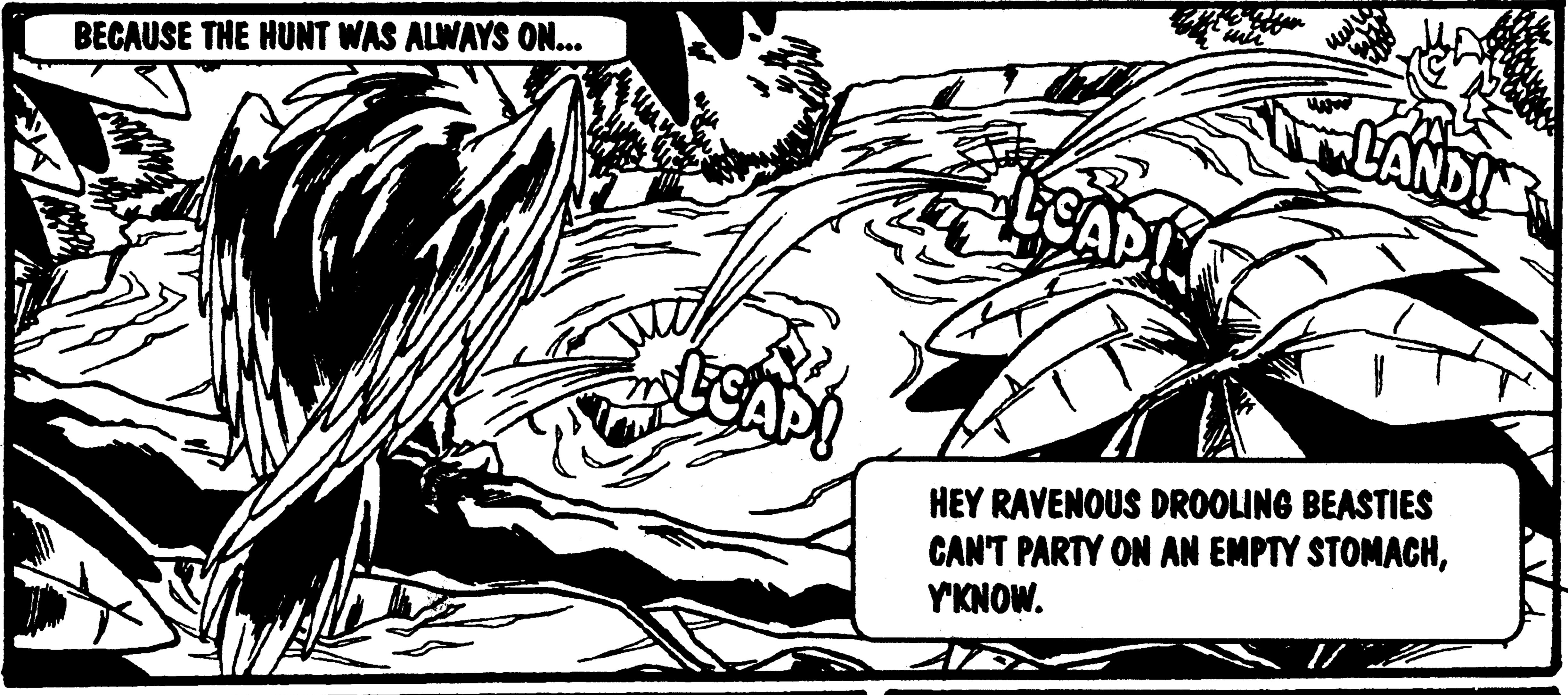
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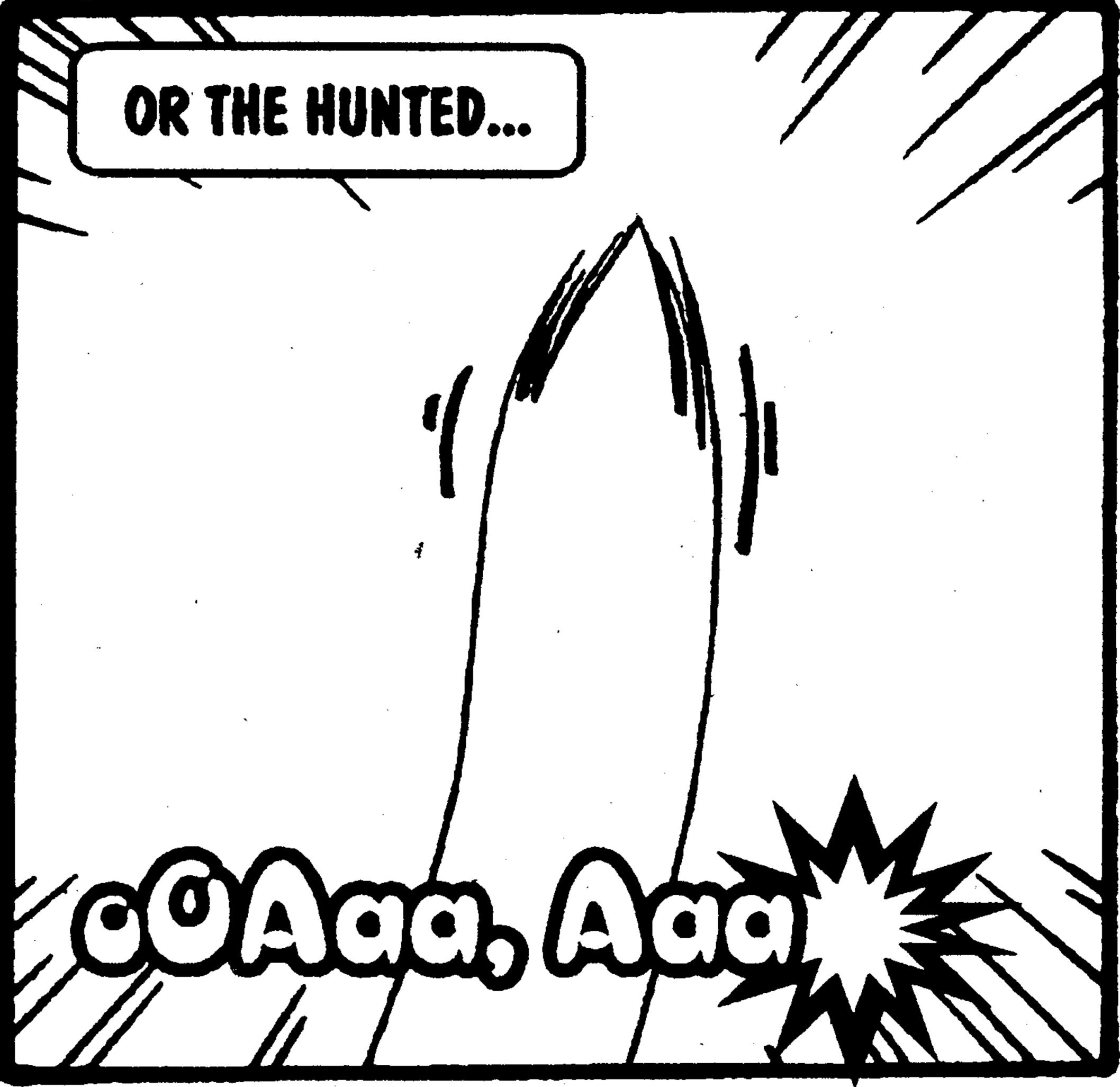




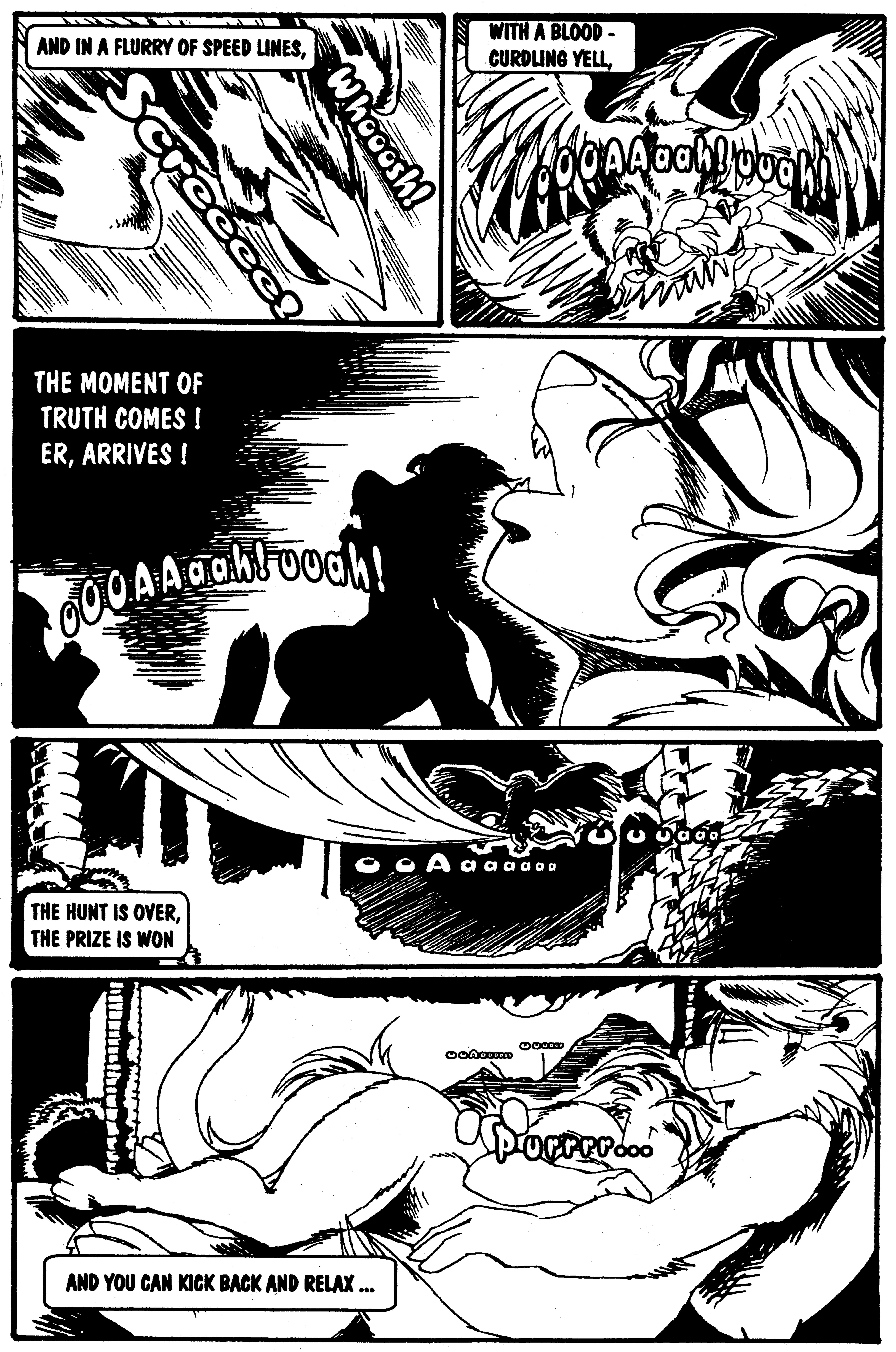




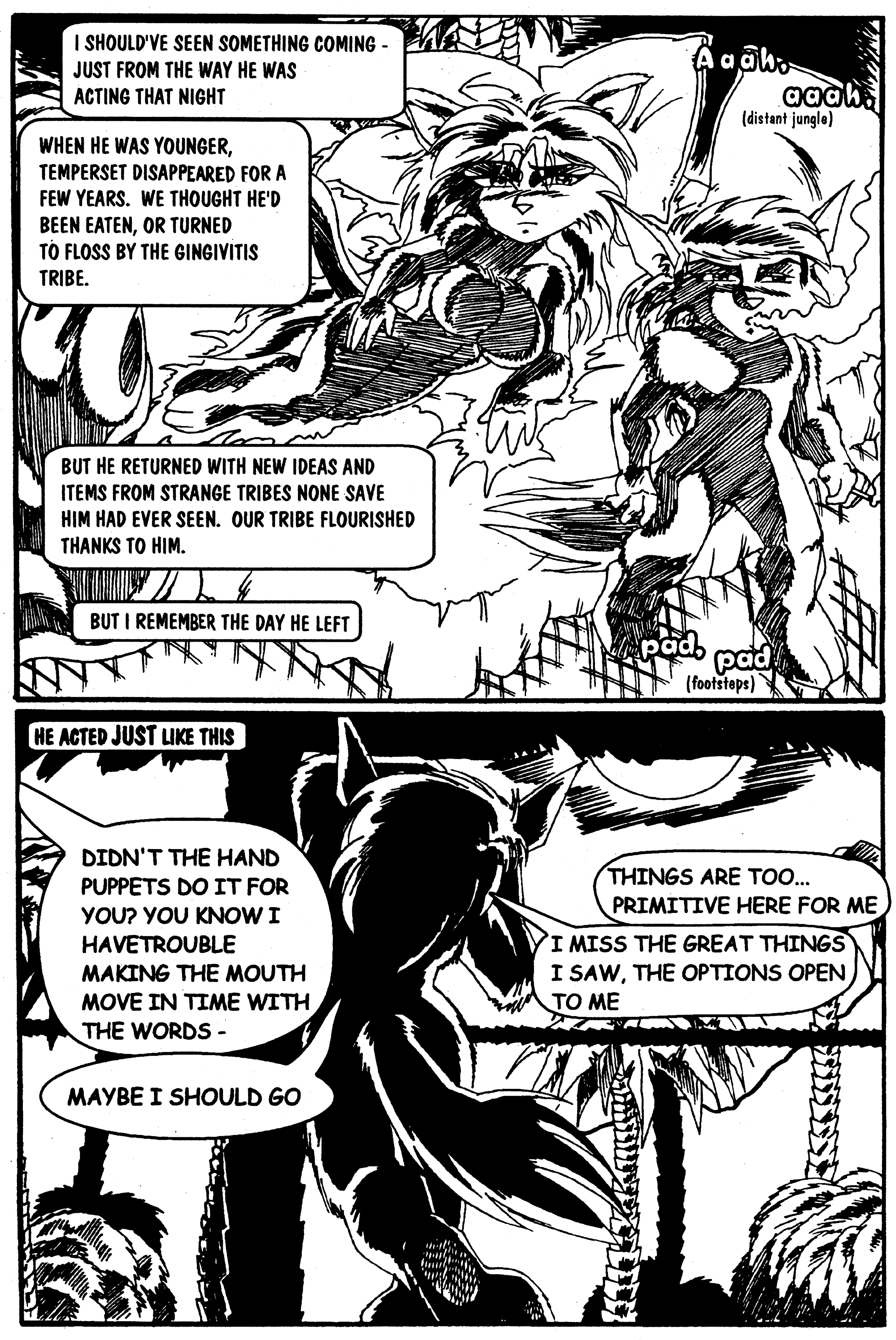






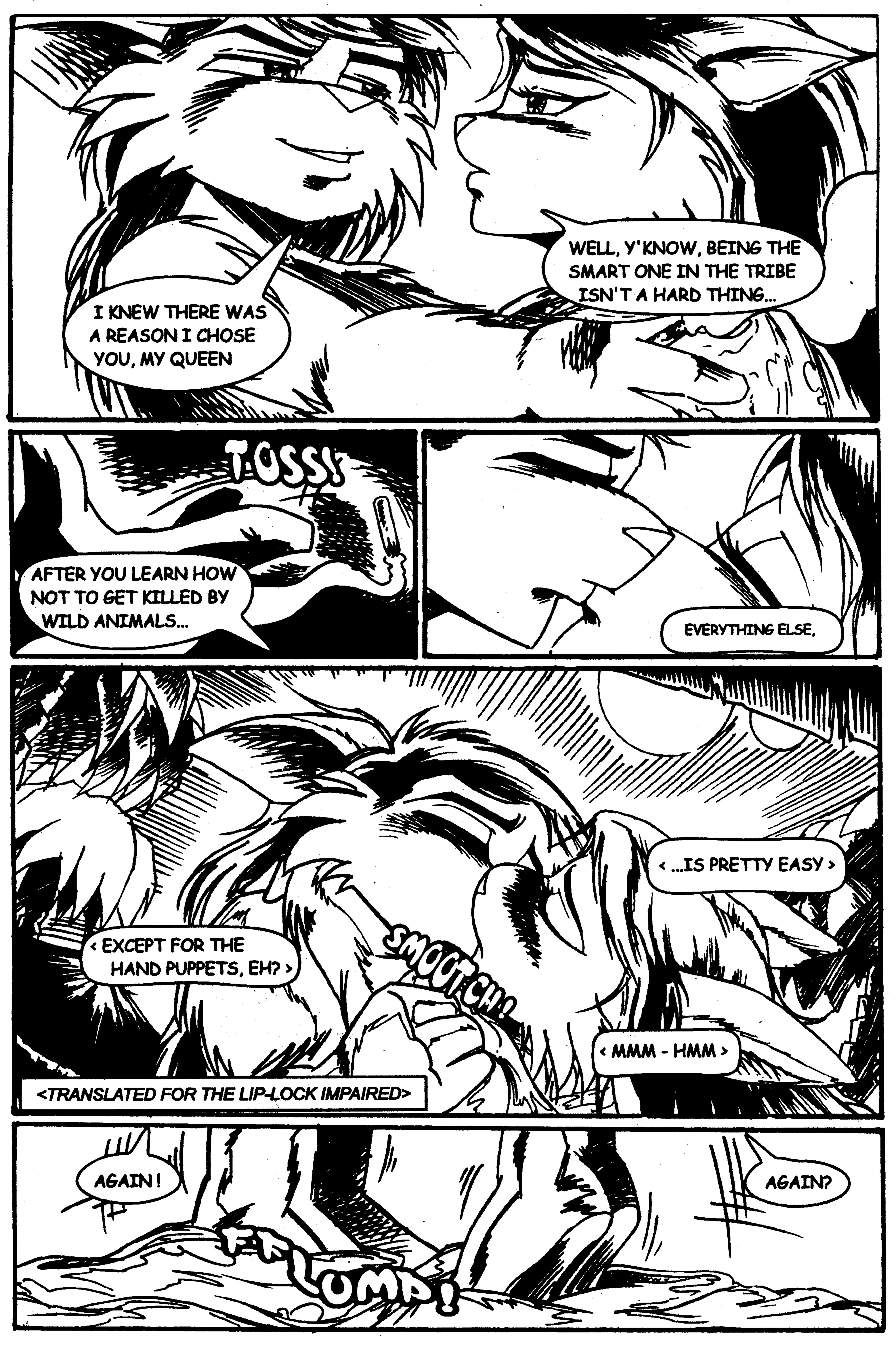








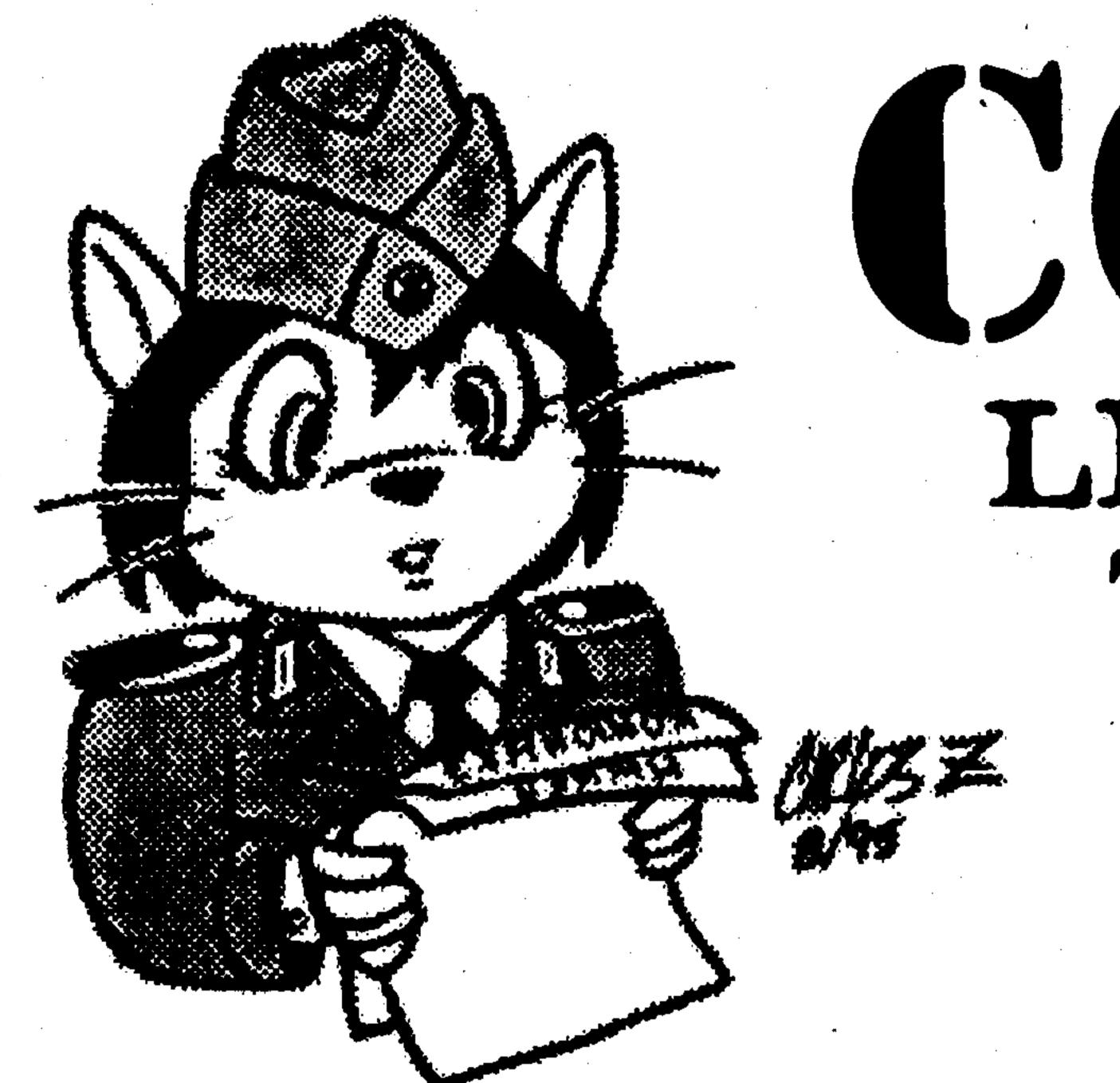






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LETTERS TO FURRLOUGH
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Greetings!

Since it seems to be the fashion, I would like to discuss several of your fine publications here. I refer to your anthropomorphic anthologies. Ever since **Critters** I have enjoyed the anthology format. (Whew! Did I just date myself back there?) This is because it allows for a variety of stories, many of which are too esoteric or not quite good enough to support their own book. Variety is good.

Of your three, I must say that Wild Life was my favorite. (I don't seem to be alone in this either!) Not only was it funny, but it seemed to have the highest overall quality. The stories were entertaining, the characters lively, and many of the features quite memorable. (This last point is possibly why people still yammer for it.) Its cancellation was unfortunate, especially considering the books that survived it.

Furrlough isn't a bad book. The stories are well done, but none of them (except for the perennial exception of "Here Comes a Candle") are truly noteworthy. For the most part, the current crop of stories seem to be really typical genre pieces where the characters happen to be animals. (Please note, I mean REALLY typical!) This effect seems to have worsened as the series went on. As the technical quality of the stories went up, the novelty decreased.

Genus doesn't hold much appeal for me. Too much sex, too little plot, or character, or, um... anything that doesn't have to do with sex. (Sex is a mainstay for anthropomorphic books, and seems to have started with Reed Waller's Omaha book. Ironic that the level of sex in Omaha has been diminishing as the story progresses.) It's not that I mind sexuality in a story, but I prefer if it isn't SUBSTITUTING for a story.

Your other anthropomorphic books are quite good, but seem to consist mostly of one shots/ limited series. (Albedo is good; a bit dry at times, but still engrossing. Pity it comes out once a year. Gold Digger is too manga for my taste.) I make these points because I believe the anthologies could be spiced up a bit. Once in a while, don't be afraid

to publish something from a less skilled cartoonist if it has the potential to go somewhere new. What does the rest of your readership think?

CTC,
Milk River, Alberta,
Canada

Aloha, Elin!

Just thought I'd stuff the ballot box and put in a vote for "Bronze Fur" and "Watering Hole".

More of both, please!

Furrlough #42 was a mixed bag, as anthologies usually are. While "Star Run" seems to be mostly a rip off of Star Wars, it was fun to read anyway. (I'm a diehard Star Wars fan— so sue me!) "Escape to New York" has me on the edge of my seat wondering what's going to happen next, as there are no stupid villains in this story. "The Adventures of Swimmer" just leaves me flat, since it just seems to be a rip off of Conan the Future Boy and a more recent release, Coo.

Wendell Hong, 86-131 Kakaiapola St., Waianae, HI 96792

No changes in the Top Ten List this month! Remember, your votes are what determine this list, and you can vote as many times as you like! Ballot stuffing is encouraged, since this is basically a popularity contest!

- 1) HERE COMES A CANDLE by Mary Hanson-Roberts
- 2) STOSSTRUPP by Ted Sheppard
- 3) ZAIBATSU TEARS by Richard Bartrop
- 4) WATERING HOLE by Pat Kelley
- 5) BRONZE FUR by Mark Shaw
- 6) ROMANICS by Joe Rosales
- 7) NOT TOO SIRIUS by Shon Howell
- 8) UNDER REALM by Fred Perry
- 9) ZAIBATSU TEARS: PUPPET WARRIORS by Richard Bartrop

10) STINZ: BAD MEMORIES by Donna Barr

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